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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being unpatentable by Tanaka et al. (US 5420573).

Regarding claim 1, an information signal transmission device (Fig. 1, First and second AV devices) connected to a network C, for transmitting an information signal (function A-E and A'-E'), the device comprising:

Information broadcasting (Fig. 1, First AV device, element 9; Col. 2, lines 40-48) means for broadcasting a message (function A'-E') to the network C (Col.3, lines 32-39);

Information receiving (Fig. 1, 2nd AV device, element 16) means for receiving a message (function A'-E') broadcast to the network C (Col. 3, lines 38-40)

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An event manager (Fig. 1, element 15; Col. 2, lines 60-65 and Col. 3, lines 40-42) for delivering the broadcast message within the device (AV device 2).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Hoekstra et al. (US 5754548) shows interconnection of local communication bus system.

Nagano (US 5838248) shows an electronic arrangement and communication control method therefore.

Arnold et al. (US 5265241) shows a method and apparatus for verifying the configuration of a link-connected network.

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